ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

a backlight unit for use in an LCD unit includes an optical guide plate, a tubular lamp extending along the lateral side of the optical guide plate, a reflection member including a reflector encircling the tubular lamp at three sides thereof and a reflection sheet disposed at the rear side of the optical guide plate, a chassis receiving therein the optical guide plate and the reflection member, and a lamp holder disposed at the corner portion of the chassis. The reflector has an extension at the corner portion, the extension being sandwiched between the chassis and the reflector, whereby a defect of the front edge of the reflector appearing in the display area can be prevented.